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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312(a), Applicant respectfully requests early entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application. A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the application on November 20, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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